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Job Opportunities in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 75 per cent of the rural households are earning less than five thousand rupees a month;

(b) whether Government has any plans to increase the income bracket of such rural households, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for the welfare and development of poor farmers in order to check their migration to the cities, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the scheme will be implemented across the country;

(e) whether the Government has taken any initiative during the past two years to increase the non-farm job opportunities available in rural India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) : Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 captures respondent based information wherein on the question of income of highest earning member of the households , 13.39 crore out of 17.97 crore rural households declared income of less than rupees five thousand a month.

(b) to (f): The Department of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay − Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana −Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, skilling of youths, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities. These Programmes have direct and indirect bearing on poverty alleviation.
Employment generation has been one of the most important priorities of the Government. MGNREGA guarantees at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Provision of up to 50 days of additional employment is made over and above 100 days per household in notified drought affected areas. DAY-NRLM is implemented for strengthening livelihoods security and promoting self-employment. DDU-GKY, a sub scheme of DAY-NRLM, promotes skilled wage employment in the rural areas of the country.

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